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SUBJECT: JUNE PORI POLL

SUMMARY: LATEST POLL TAKEN BY PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH INSTITUTE JUNE
1-6 1978 SHOWS 60 PCT OF PUBLIC (1225 RESPONDENTS) OPPOSE CONCESSIONS
ON WEST BANK AND GAZA; ONLY ON ISSUE OF FURTHER WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS
IS ABOUT HALF OF PUBLIC WILLING TO SUPPORT NO NEW SETTLEMENTS POLICY.
30.7 PCT WOULD PERMIT WEST BANK AND GAZA PALESTINIANS TO VOTE ON
OWN FUTURE STATUS AFTER 5 YEARS, 48.1 PCT WOULD NOT. 60 PCT BELIEVE
REAL SECURITY FOR ISRAEL MEANS HOLDING MOST OF WEST BANK AND GOLAN
HEIGHTS. NEW LOW OF 8 PCT NOW BELIEVE US ME POLICY MAINLY SUPPORTS
ISRAEL WITH 32 PCT BELIEVING US POLICY MAINLY SUPPORTS ARAB STATES.
ISRAELIS STILL BELIEVE AMERICAN PUBLIC SUPPORTS ISRAEL MORE THAN
ARAB STATES BUT LESS SO THAN IN PREVIOUS POLLS. ONLY 15 PCT BELIEVE
AN EVEN-HANDED AMERICAN POLICY WILL NOT HARM ISRAEL'S LONG RANGE
INTERESTS. 51 PCT BELIEVE STRENGTHENED US TIES WITH MODERATE ARAB
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STATES WILL WEAKEN AMERICAN COMMITMENTS TO ISRAEL. 70 PCT DO NOT
BELIEVE FORMAL SECURITY PACT WITH ISRAEL WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT
SECURITY TO ALLOW THE RETURN OF MOST OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
THOSE "SATISFIED" OR "MORE OR LESS SATISFIED" WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S
ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL NOW NUMBER 36 PCT. THE LOWEST FIGURE SINCE
HE TOOK OFFICE. ALL FOUR LEADING CABINET MINISTERS SHOW A
DECLINE IN POPULARITY, WITH PM BEGIN DOWN FROM 61 PCT IN APRIL

TO 54 PCT IN JUNE. 53 PCT WOULD VOTE TODAY FOR THE SAME PARTY
THEY VOTED FOR IN MAY 1977 ELECTIONS, 21 PCT ARE UNDECIDED.
41 PCT OPPOSE DMC LEAVING THE GOVERNMENT COALITION, 26 PCT FAVOR
SUCH A MOVE. AMONG DMC OWN SUPPORTERS, OPINIONS ARE ABOUT EVENLY
DIVIDED. END SUMMARY.

DETAILED RESULTS OF PORI JUNE 1-6 POLL FOLLOWS (FIRST SEVEN QUEST-
IONS WERE SUPPLIED BY ICA. REMAINING QUESTIONS WERE POSED BY
OTHER PORI CLIENTS, INCLUDING "HAARETZ NEWSPAPER):

Q. 1. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING CONCESSIONS SHOULD ISRAEL REFUSE
TO MAKE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, EVEN IN EXCHANGE FOR PEACE AND
FULL RELATIONS WITH ALL THE NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES? NAME AS
MANY OR AS FEW AS YOU BELIEVE APPLY.

A. GIVE UP ALL EXISTING SETTLEMENTS IN THE SINAI

REFUSE 59.8

AGREE 21.0

DON'T KNOW (D.K.) 19.2

B. GIVE UP ALL EXISTING SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK

REFUSE 66.1

AGREE 14.1

D.K. 19.8

C. STOP ALL FURTHER SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK

REFUSE 40.7

AGREE 39.1

DK 20.2

D. GIVE UP MOST OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA

REFUSE 63.3

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AGREE 16.4

DK 20.3

E. REMOVE ISRAELI MILITARY FORCES FROM HE WEST BANK AND
GAZA AFTER FIVE YEARS

REFUSE 63.2

AGREE 13.7

DK 33.1

F. PERMIT PALESTINIANS OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA TO VOTE ON
THEIR FUTURE STATUS AFTER FIVE YEARS

REFUSE 48.1

AGREE 30.7

DK 21.2

G. PERMIT A PALESTINIAN ENTITY WITH CLOSE LINKS TO JORDAN TO
BE ESTABLISHED IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA

REFUSE 63.0

AGREE 16.0

DK 21.0

(SUMMARY)

AGREE TO ALL 4.0

REFUSE TO ALL 28.1

DK TO ALL 16.1

REFUSE OR AGREE TO SOME 51.8

Q. 2 HERE ARE TWO VIEWPOINTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF TERRITORIES TO ISRAEL'S SECURITY. WHICH ONE IS CLOSER TO YOUR OWN?

A. THE ONLY REAL SECURITY FOR ISRAEL IS TO HOLD ON TO MOST OF THE WEST BANK AND GOLAN HEIGHTS EVEN IF THAT MEANS NO PEACE AGREEMENT.

B. WITH MODERN WARFARE THERE IS NO REAL SECURITY IN LAND AND THEREFORE ISRAEL'S SECURITY WOULD BE BETTER PROTECTED BY GIVING UP MOST OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES INCLUDING THE WEST BANK AND GOLAN IN RETURN FOR A FINAL PEACE AGREEMENT

A. 60.7

B. 18.2

DK 20.4

NA 0.5

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Q 3. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED DO YOU THINK THAT THE CURRENT US POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST MAINLY SUPPORTS ISRAEL, MAINLY SUPPORTS THE ARAB STATES, OR IS MORE OR LESS EVENHANDED IN ITS SUPPORT?

SUPPORT ISRAEL 7.8

SUPPORTS ARAB STATES 32.2

EVEN-HANDED 27.3 NEITHER NOR 21.4

DK 10.9

NA 0.3

Q. 4 REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU BELIEVE AMERICAN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO BE, DO YOU THINK THAT AN EVENHANDED AMERICAN POLICY WOULD HELP OR HARM ISRAEL'S LONG-RANGE INTERESTS OR DO NEITHER?

HELP ISRAEL 15.7

HARM ISRAEL 41.8

NEITHER 19.5

DK 22.4

NA 0.6

Q 5 SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT AS THE US STRENGTHENS ITS TIES TO THE MODERATE ARAB STATES, IT WILL RESULT IN A WEAKENING OF THE FIRM AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL. OTHERS DISAGREE AND SAY THAT STRONGER US TIES TO THE MODERATE ARAB STATES WILL NOT WEAKEN AMERICA'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL. WHICH VIEW IS CLOSER TO YOUR OWN?

WEAKEN 51.3

NOT WEAKEN 23.9

DK 24.0

NA 0.7

Q.6 IF THE UNITED STATES WERE TO ENTER INTO A FORMAL SECURITY PACT WITH ISRAEL, DO YOU THINK THAT THIS WOULD OR WOULD NOT PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH SUFFICIENT SECURITY TO ALLOW IT TO RETURN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOST OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ON ALL FRONTS?

WOULD 9.1

WOULD NOT 70.7

DK 19.0

NA 1.2

Q. 7 WHAT ABOUT AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION? DO YOU THINK THAT
AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION TODAY STRONGLY SUPPORTS ISRAEL, SOME-
WHAT SUPPORTS ISRAEL, IS MORE OR LESS NEUTRAL, SOMEWHAT SUPPORTS
THE ARABS, STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE ARABS?

STRONGLY ISRAEL 11.6

SOMEWHAT ISRAEL 33.8

NEUTRAL 23.9

SOMEWHAT ARABS 14.1

STRONGLY ARABS 2.8

DK 13.7

NA 0.1

Q. 8 ARE YOU SATISFIED OR UNSATISFIED WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S
ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL?

SATISFIED 11.1

MORE OR LESS 25.0

UNSATISFIED 52.8

NO OPINION 10.6

NA 0.5

Q. 9 SHOULD OR SHOULDN'T ISRAEL START NOW NEW PEACE INITIATIVES?

YES 58.3

DEPENDS 2.5

NO 27.5

DK 11.4

NA 0.2

Q. 10 ARE YOU SATISFIED OR UNSATISFIED WITH MENACHEM BEGIN AS
PRIME MINISTER:

SATISFIED 54.2

MORE OR LESS 24.2

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UNSATISFIED 15.6

NO OPINION 6.0

Q. 11 ARE YOU SATISFIED OR UNSATISFIED WITH EZER WEIZMAN AS
DEFENSE MINISTER?

SATISFIED 68.9

MOR OR LESS 17.4

UNSATISFIED 5.9

NO OPINION 7.8

NA 0.1

Q. 12 ARE YOU SATISFIED OR UNSATISFIED WITH MOSHE DAYAN AS
FOREIGN MINISTERB

SATISFIED 51.3

MORE OR LESS 20.7

UNSATISFIED 19.8

NO OPINION 8.0

NA 0.2

Q. 13 ARE YOU SATISFIED OR UNSATISFIED WITH SIMCHA ERLICH AS
FINANCE MINISTER?

SATISFIED 22.0

MORE OR LESS 17.8

UNSATISFIED 49.9

NO OPINION 10.3

NA 0.1

Q 14. SHOULD OR SHOULDN'T THE DMC PARTY LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT
IN LIGHT OF THE CHARGE OF SOME OF ITS MEMBERS THAT PARTICIPATION
IN THE GOVERNMENT IS CONTRADICTIONARY TO SOME OF ITS BASIC
PRINCIPLES?

SHOULD 26.5

DEPENDS 1.4

SHOULD NOT 41.1

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DK 29.6

NA 1.3

Q 15 WOULD YOU VOTE TODAY FOR THE SAME PARTY YOU VOTED IN THE
LAST ELECTIONS?

YES 53.2

MAY BE 5.8

NO 11.2

DIDN'T VOTE 6.4

UNDECIDED 21.7

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